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**PATENTS**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	
	:	Atty Dkt No. 137.26
Ralf Birkelbach et al.	:	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3677
Serial No. 10/633,592	:	
	:	Examiner: J. Sharp
Filed: August 5, 2003	:	
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For: Self-Tapping Screw	:	

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

The Amendment to the claims is set forth in a Listing of the Claims beginning on page 2.

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